6th November A WIFE MURDERER

One Robert Budden or Harmondsworth this day assaulted his wife and murdered her by seizing her neck with his hands and wringing and breaking it

jth November THE SUBSIDY

This afternoon the Committee of the House sat concerning the subsidy , and first Sir Walter Ralegh spoke, saying that in the last Parliament only three subsidies were granted upon fear that the Spaniards were coming , but now they are come even in the Queen's territories already and therefore the more to be respected and regarded He urged therefore that less might not be done than before, and that bountiful contnbution should be made by all according to their estates When some few had given their opinion, Sir Robert Cecil spoke The Queen, said he, hath occasion to use .£300,000 before Easter , how this shall be raised and gathered, that is the question, for without this proportion of charge neither the Spaniards in Ireland can be repelled and the wars there maintained, neither her Majesty's other affairs be set on foot, nor provision sufficient made for foreign invasion Then he yielded a particular account of the State itself First, the whole last subsidy after the rate of four poundlands and eight groats goods came not to above £80,00x5, the subsidy of the clergy £20,000, the double fifteenths £60,000 Since my Lord of Essex's going into Ireland she hath spent £300,000 so the Queen is behind £140,000 He concluded, * We would only show you the present state of the Queen and her affairs, wishing no man to look that we should give advice what is to be done, as though you yourselves, who are the wisdom of the land, could neither direct yourselves

nor upon these reasons alleged judge of the necessity of the State *

Mr Controller, Sir John Fortescue, and Mr Secretary Herbert spake to the like effect, oply Sir John bade them remember that the Great Turk when he conquered Constantinople found therein three hundred millions of gold, if they, quoth he, had bestowed three millions in defence of their city, he could never have gotten it. From which blindness he prayed God defend us that we may not be backward to give